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Good morning. My name is Eric Baier. I have have been diagnosed with severe fibromyalgia as well as a mood disorder and a sleep disorder. Over the past seven years I have been prescribed almost three dozen different medications to treat my medical disorders and not only have all of them failed to alleviate my symptoms but some have had dangerous paradoxal effects. Only recently, when it became available, was I able to receive genetic testing which indicated that my genetic make-up predisposes me to not being able to be successfully treated with standard pharmaceutical medications. Within the past few weeks I have had several bad reactions to prescribed pain medications. One of these medications was BuTrans™ Transdermal pain patches which had been used as directed but caused an overdose which resulted in a loss of motor control and consciousness, nausea, incoherence, labored breathing, and constricted pupils.

From the research that I have done I feel as though medical marijuana might be my only hope of ever being able to lead a normal, pain free, and productive life.

Thank you.  
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